

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
November 5, 2015

Council met in regular session. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Carl Hofstetter, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Rick Seyer and Mr. Ronald Wiech.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Jessica Giardina, Mr. Tom Lee-Village Solicitor, Mr. Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Econ Dir/Zoning Insp., Ms. Kim Breyley, Mr. Alex Duncan, Chief Bill Reed-MFD, Ms. Judy Stone, Mr. Dick Stone, Mr. Trent Mast, Mr. Sam Morrow-Glen Valley, Ms. Diane Ryder-Maple Leaf, Ms. Frances Hanna, Mr. Roger Hanna, Mr. Hunter Clifford, Mr. Rob Stanziale and Mr. Joe Stanziale.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2015 regular meeting – Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$379,066.91, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).* Mayor Garlich questioned the bill from Town & Country. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the bill is for streets repairs for the entire year starting in February to date.

INCOME TAX AND FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Report in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that Income Tax is trending up. Water & sewer is still down due to delinquent accounts being paid off. Without the cost of Glen Valley Project expenses are still down from last year.

ECON DEV./ZONING INSP. REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she has been working on getting properties updated. The downtown pocket park is moving forward. Attending business meeting. Zoning permits have been steady as have the neat street applications. Currently working on a violation on West High Street.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the department has been doing routine maintenance at the plants. Repairs at the downtown pump station; three pumps. Also did the removal of the hanging baskets, grass mowing, hydrant flushing, street repairs, park maintenance and leaf pickup. Mr. Ehrhart thanked the police department for traffic control while doing the street repairs. Discussion regarding the various pump repairs that have been completed over the last few months.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of October. Calls of service are up for the year of 2015. Mayor Garlich inquired why the “Call to assist other agencies” has increased this year. Chief Tucholski stated that when the Sherriff Department is called to the south part of the County, they request assistance from the Village Police Department to help answer calls in the surrounding communities.

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PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the football season has ended and both the JV and Varsity teams played in the Championship game. The JV took first in their division and the Varsity took second in theirs. Kitchen Kids started the second session. Fall soccer has ended. Volleyball is ending tonight. Newbury won the tournament, Middlefield 2 took second and Middlefield 1 took third out of 9 teams. The basketball shooting camp ended on October 30th. The basketball season will kick off with a skills camp put on by the high school coaching staff and then the teams will roll right into practices. The basketball cheerleading will start the week of the 16th. The Recreation Department will be holding an Adult Coloring Contest in December. There will be two categories this year for the residential side and one for the businesses.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report on the desk. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of October. The department has had 611 runs so far this year. Chief Reed thanked all those that participated in the Halloween Costume Contest. The department continues to train aggressively. Chief Reed gave an update on the ISO read. The Village went from a 5 to a 3 which is in the top 15% of the state. Chief thanked Mr. Ehrhart and his department for all of their help with the water system information.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report included in packet.

FINANCIALS – Report included in packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mayor Garlich stated that he would like to do the 2016 appointment at the next meeting but would like all members to look over.

FIRST READING -

RESOLUTION 15-17 A RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT TO THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE A RESURFACING PROJECT OF MADISON ROAD (SR-528) IN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-17 by title only.

Mr. Seyer stated that the Finance Committee review this and recommend passage to Council.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 15-17 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Klein made a motion to pass Resolution 15-17, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

ORDINANCE 15-124 AN ORDINANCE HIRING BRYAN DAWSON AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON HIS COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 139.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AT THE PAY RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-124 by title only.

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 15-124 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hofstetter made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-124, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mayor Garlich gave the Oath of Office to Officer Dawson. Officer Dawson will be part-time until January when he will be moved to full-time.

ORDINANCE 15-125 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DRIVEWAY CURB CUT ON TARE CREEK PARKWAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-125 by title only.

Mr. Seyer stated that Ordinance 15-125 was discussed at the Planning Commission and the Finance Committee. Both Committee recommend approval from council. The property owner is requesting this curb cut for the potential tenant in the old Ames Building.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 15-125 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Blue made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-125, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6).

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE – TONY CAITO RENEWAL DEC. 1: Mr. Caito stated that Medical Mutual sent in a renewal and the yearly increase will be 7%. The benefits are all the same. Got other quote in from other carriers and they were all higher monthly costs. Mr. Seyer stated that the Finance Committee discussed this at length but feels that this is the best option for the village to renew with Medical Mutual.

RESOLUTION 15-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AT A MONTHLY COST OF\$12,068.08, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-18 by title only.

Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 15-18 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 15-18, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING –

RESOLUTION 15-14 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 GEAUGA COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-14 by title only.

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution 15-14 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 15-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT MUNICIPAL OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-15 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place the Resolution 15-15 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yea (6).

ORDINANCE 15-123 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 143.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION AND SPECIFY DUTIES OF THE TREASURY INVESTMENT BOARD.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-123 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 15-123 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING –

ORDINANCE 15-121 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 AND ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT STATE-MANDATED CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE'S INCOME TAX CODE.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-121 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 15-121, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 15-122 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 505.21 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MORE CLOSELY REGULATE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED PER DWELLING UNIT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-122 by title only.

Mr. Seyer made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 15-122, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (4). Mr. Blue and Mr. Wiech voted No.

PENDING PASSAGE – Nothing before Council

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. The views are down from last night. The site is much more user friendly and easy to use. Discussed installing cameras at the main intersections of St. Rt. 87 and St. Rt. 608 and

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possibly at Springdale and have access on the webpage to see what road conditions are. Chardon has something like this.

2. **Glen Valley Drive Pay Request #4 - \$37,050.66:** Mayor Garlich stated that this is for engineering. *Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve payment of \$37,050.66, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).*
3. **American Fireworks Contract for Summerfest 2016:** The cost is the same as 2015. Council feels that the company does a great job. *Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the contract with American Fireworks for the 2016 Summerfest event, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Hofstetter/Mr. Seyer/Mayor Garlich) – In packet

Finance & Ordinance (Mr. Seyer/Mr. Klein/Mr. Wiech) – In packet.

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Wiech/Mr. Hornung/Mayor Garlich) – No meeting held in October.

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hofstetter) – In packet.

Economic Development (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – In packet.

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Gyure/Ms. Davis) – No meeting held in October.

VILLAGE CALENDAR: Council and Finance will be the only meetings scheduled for December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing before Council.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER